

## TOWN OF CARLISLE

### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a highly contagious, serious, and sometimes fatal respiratory disease with no vaccine and no treatment other than symptomatic;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor declared a State of Emergency to mobilize the Commonwealth’s resources needed to address this public health crisis;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency to similarly mobilize national resources;

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of Carlisle are in immediate and serious risk of suffering personal and financial losses as a result of COVID-19’s current and ongoing threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the ordinary resources of Carlisle are expected to be insufficient to meet the needs of its residents and businesses in coping with the public health, safety, and economic impacts of COVID-19;

THEREFORE, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to its authority under Section 4.7.4.1 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (January 2019) and any other applicable law, hereby declares a State of Emergency in the Town of Carlisle as a result of the threat of COVID-19 as recognized by global, national, and state health officials.

- The Board of Selectmen hereby affirms that Emergency Management Director (EMD) Police Chief John Fisher is utilizing the Town’s emergency management program to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Chief Fisher has been and will continue to organize and administer the program. Chief Fisher is in regular contact with other local officials and representatives of state and national emergency personnel and is directing all necessary or appropriate actions.

This declaration of a State of Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Selectmen or the rescission of the Governor’s declaration of emergency, whichever comes first.

Adopted by vote of the Carlisle Board of Selectmen on 3/25/2020